

In Memory of  
U.S. Army Sergeant  
**Eugene Gerald Belson**

Elkton, South Dakota  
Brookings County

May 28, 1921--October 11, 1953  
Died in a Car Accident near Louisville, Georgia



Eugene Gerald Belson was born in May 28, 1921, in Elkton, South Dakota to Clyde K. and Ethel M. Belson. He had three sisters, Lois, Maxine, and Geneane. He also had four brothers: Murvale, Curtis, Maurice, and Harold, who was killed in action in WW II. Eugene attended and graduated from Elkton public schools. Eugene went into the military prior to WW II. He attended military school and then in September of 1940, he joined Company G, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry, at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. From 1942 to 1944, he served with the military in Greenland and then from 1950 to 1953, he was stationed in Germany, where “his primary duties were in the food service field.”

Sergeant Belson returned to the United States on May 1, 1953, and was stationed at Camp Gordon near Louisville, Georgia, where he was assigned to the Military Police School. Sergeant Eugene Belson was killed in an automobile accident on October 11, 1953 in Louisville, Georgia, near Camp Gordon.

Sergeant Belson’s body was buried with military honors at the Ft, Snelling National Cemetery in Minnesota. During his time in the service, Sergeant Belson received the American Defense Medal, American Theatre Defense Medal, the European, African, Middle Eastern Service Medal, the Good Conduct Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Sergeant Belson is buried in the same cemetery as his brother Harold, who died during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II. This is a strong reminder to me of what all soldiers and their families sacrifice. I will remember the service of Sergeant Eugene G. Belson.

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